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**[0014]** Another aspect of the invention involves a computer-program product that includes a computer readable storage medium and a computer program mechanism embedded therein. The computer program mechanism includes instructions, which when executed by a portable electronic device with a touch screen display, cause the device to: display a set of messages exchanged between a user of the device and another person in a chronological order; detect a scrolling gesture comprising a substantially vertical movement of a user contact with the touch screen display, wherein the detecting of the scrolling gesture is substantially independent of a horizontal position of the user contact with the touch screen display; and respond to the scrolling gesture by scrolling the display of messages in accordance with a direction of the scrolling gesture.

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**[0016]** Another aspect of the invention involves a graphical user interface (GUI) on a portable electronic device with

a touch screen display. The GUI has a set of messages exchanged between a user of the device and another person. The set of messages are displayed in a chronological order. In response to detecting a scrolling gesture comprising a substantially vertical movement of a user contact with the touch screen display, wherein the detecting of the scrolling gesture is substantially independent of a horizontal position of the user contact with the touch screen display, the display of messages are scrolled in accordance with a direction of the scrolling gesture.

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**[0018]** Another aspect of the invention involves a portable electronic device with a touch screen display, comprising: means for displaying a set of messages exchanged between a user of the device and another person in a chronological order; means for detecting a scrolling gesture comprising a substantially vertical movement of user contact with the touch screen display, wherein the detecting of the scrolling gesture is substantially independent of a horizontal position of the user contact with the touch screen display; and means for responding to the scrolling gesture by scrolling the display of messages in accordance with a direction of the scrolling gesture.

**[0019]** Another aspect of the invention involves a portable electronic device with a touch screen display, comprising: means for displaying a list of conversations, each conversation including a set of messages exchanged between a user of the device and a respective other person; means for detecting a scrolling gesture comprising a substantially vertical movement of user contact with the touch screen display; and means for responding to the scrolling gesture by scrolling the list of conversations in accordance with a direction of the scrolling gesture, wherein the scrolling gesture is substantially independent of a horizontal position of the user contact with the touch screen display.

**[0020]** Another aspect of the invention involves a computer-implemented method in which a portable electronic device with a touch screen display displays a set of messages exchanged between a user of the device and another person in a chronological order. The messages sent by the other person include a first message sent from a first address associated with the other person and a second message sent from a second address associated with the other person that is different from the first address.

**[0021]** Another aspect of the invention involves a portable electronic device. The device includes a touch screen display, one or more processors, memory, and one or more programs. The one or more program are stored in the memory and configured to be executed by the one or more processors. The one or more programs include instructions for displaying a set of messages exchanged between a user of the device and another person in a chronological order. The messages sent by the other person include a first message sent from a first address associated with the other